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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN EDITORIAL COMMENT ON VANCE-GROMYKO TALKS

1. REGRET OUR REPORTING ON BULGARIAN PRESS COVERAGE OF GENEVA MEETING WAS DELAYED BY FAST-BREAKING EVENTS (MAREV CASE AND ZHIVKOVA VISIT) AND HOLIDAY. HOWEVER, IT MAY STILL BE OF INTEREST.
2. BULGARIAN PRESS PROVIDED EXTENSIVE FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE OF VANCE-GROMYKO TALKS ON STRATEGIC ARMS IN GENEVA MAY 19-20 AND THEN CAPPED IT WITH RATHER UPBEAT UNSIGNED EDITORIAL IN MAY 21 BCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE PAPER, RABOTNICHESKO DELO.
3. DELO EDITORIAL, ENTITLED "IN THE INTEREST OF PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING," STARTED WITH LDAIEB OF SOVIET/AMERICAN

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OUTER SPACE COOPERATION AGREEMENT, CALLING IT URZFRUIT OF HISTORICAL PROCESS OF BRIGHTENING OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS...TO BENEFIT OF ALL MANKIND." PROCEEDING FROM PARTICULAR TO GENERAL, EDITORIAL CALLED AGREEMENT "CONTINUEJION OF SERPDS OKLYAVIET/AMERICAN TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS WHICH, IN THEIR TOTALITY, HAVE BUILT UP INTO A MUTUAL DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GREAT POWERS

AND ARE GREAT CONTRCOUTIO TO WORLD PEACE."

4. EDITORIAL THEN MADE POINT THAT TWO SIDES COULD ALSO FIND
SOLUTION TO OTHER BILATERAL PROBLEMS, INCLUDING GENERAL
QUESTION OF STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION, IF WASHINGTON SHOWED
GOOD WILL, A CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH, AND FORSWORE ALL ASPIRATIONS
TO SEE UNILATERAL PRIVILEGES "UNDER THE GREEN TABLE."
EDITORIAL CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT SIGNATURE OF OUTER SPACE
TREATY AND OTHER AGREEMENTS SHOWS THAT PROCESS OF DETENTE
("CLEARING UP") CONTINUES ALONG ITS PATH
DESPITE DIFFICULTIES
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